

(a) whether Government are contemplating to constitute Himalayan State Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how many States are to be included in this Council;

(c) whether consent of all the proposed Himalayan States has been obtained in this regard; and

(d) if so, the names of those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Cases registered under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act**

2310. SHRI KAMALAKHTAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases different type registered under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 the during the year of 2002, 2003, 2004 in Uttar Pradesh, particularly in Balia and Meerut district;

(b) the details of the main complainants and defendants of 100 such cases registered;

(c) number of cases which went to courts during 2002, 2003, 2004;

(d) number of such cases which have been disposed of by court till now; the number of cases registered and number of acquittals; and

(e) number of such cases in which there have been correction (punishment and and number of cases pending in the court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per statistics compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, 2997, 1128 and 1264 cases of crime against SCs and STs were registered under SC/ST(POA) Act in Uttar Pradesh during 2002, 2003 and 2004 respectively. 14, 3 and 6 and 57, 32 and 47 cases were registered in Balia and Meerut respectively during the same period.

(b) Such details are not maintained centrally.

(c) to (e) A Statement showing number of cases sent to courts, number of cases disposed of by courts i.e., number of cases convicted and acquitted and number of cases pending trial at the end of each year under SC/ST(POA) Act in Uttar Pradesh during 2002, 2003 and 2004 are given in the Statement.

**Statement**

*Disposal of cases under SC/ST (PCA) Act in Uttar Pradesh during 2002 to 2004*

Year	Cases Pending Trial From Previous Year	Cases sent to Trial During the Year	Total Cases for Trial	Cases Convicted	Cases Acquitted	Cases Pending Trial
2002	18677	3087	21764	1394	1875	18220
2003	18220	944	19164	1163	1288	16499
2004	16499	1056	17555	1012	1262	15128

SOURCE: Crime in India

**Security clearance for foreign investments**

2311. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether security concerns are taken into consideration while clearing foreign investment; and

(b) whether the security concerns are country specific or sector specific?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Certain proposals involving